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"VIKTOR" INFORMED OF REPORT FROM "CRUCIAN" REGARDING ORDERS TO CAPTAINS  
OF YUGOSLAV MERCHANT SHIPS (1944)

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To VIKTOR[i],

CRUCIAN[KARAS']<sup>[ii]</sup> reports that all the captains of Yugoslav merchant ships have received from SIDON<sup>[iii]</sup> written instructions signed by a former vice-director of the Bank of YUGOSLAVIA, RUDOLF BICANIC[RUDOLF BICHANICH] [5 groups unrecovered] [B% to raise] the flag of TITO on the ships, [2 groups unrecovered] [D% port] to get in touch with BICANIC and await instructions from him. B. calls himself a representative of the liberation movement. [O% The text] [8 groups unrecoverable] did not cure[a] RUDIC[RUDICH]"<sup>[iv]</sup>. Is B. acting upon instructions from TITO, or is this provocation?

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T.N.: [a] This is a literal translation of NE OZDRAVIL. The interpretation remains obscure.

Comments: [i] Lt.-Gen. P.M. FITIN.  
[ii] Antun S. IVANIC.  
[iii] LONDON.  
[iv] Unidentified.  
[v] Probably Stepan Zakharovich APRESYAN.

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